## Martha Ellis, Ph.D.

Martha Ellis joined the UT System on July 1, 2008, as Associate Vice Chancellor for Community College Partnerships. In this role, Martha coordinates the UT System community college transfer initiatives and promotes collaboration between the 50 community college districts and UT institutions to make it easier for students to transfer and increase the number of students who transfer from community colleges to UT institutions.

Dr. Ellis is a commissioner for the Commission on Colleges for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as well as the Commission on Women in Higher Education for the American Council on Education. She recently completed her tenure as President of Region XIV of the National Junior



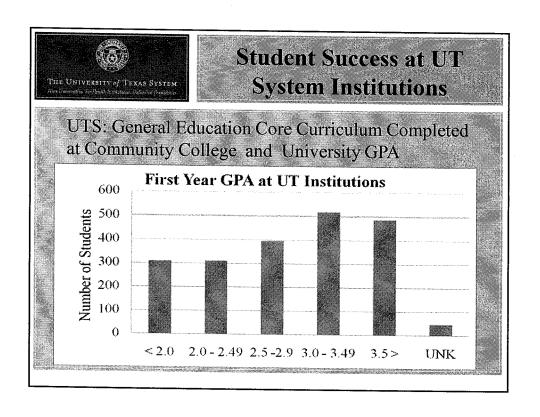
College Athletic Association and Board member of the American Association of Community Colleges. She was president of the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities, Texas Community College Association, and Hall of Honor for Phi Theta Kappa. Dr. Ellis is a member of the New York Academy of Sciences and the American Psychological Association.

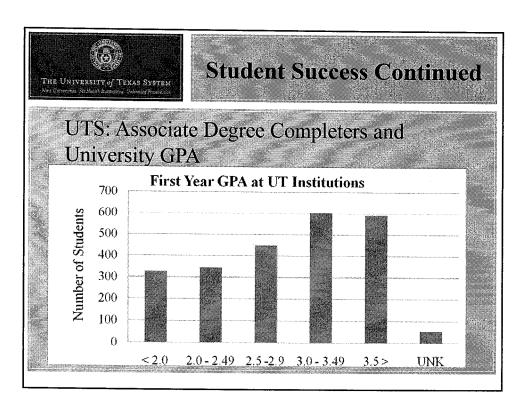
Martha has served for 25 years in community colleges in Texas. Prior to coming the UT System, Ellis was president of Lee College in Baytown, Texas. During her 6 year tenure the college became an Achieving the Dream College and the only college in Texas to be selected for the Clinton Climate Initiative. The college was recognized as the 6th fastest growing mid size community college in the nation, became a Hispanic Serving Institution and increased the college endowment by 315% during these years. Martha was also president of Texas State Technical College in Waco and held various leadership positions and faculty member at Collin County Community College in Plano, Texas. She began her professional career at Eastfield College of the Dallas County Community College District.

In addition to her PhD from the University of North Texas, Ellis has a Master of Science degree from University of Texas at Dallas, and bachelor's degree from American Christian College. She completed post graduate work at Columbia University in New York as well as an internship at the Albert Ellis Institute State University of New York.

Ellis has won numerous teaching awards, has scholarly publications, and is a presenter at national conferences on leadership development, economic development strategic partnership, and sustainability. Martha has served on various chamber, economic development and hospital boards.

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## "Success by Degrees"

- Better relationship with 50 community college districts and universities
- Transfer Success Action Plans
- Dual Credit Principles
- Reverse Transfer
- Dual Admissions Programs
- All Texas Academic Awards Ceremony
- Student Information-Transfer101.org



#### **Transfer Success Action Plans**

- · Systemic Plan
  - Objectives, strategies, action items, leaders, timeline, outcomes
- Commitment from Presidents
- Articulation agreements have agreed upon course learning outcomes
- Communication plan

- Data exchange
- Student cohort accountability
- Dual admissions
- Reverse transfer
- Professional development
- Expand opportunities upper level and graduate programs



### All Texas Academic Team

- Top 100 community college students in the state selected by community colleges
- Awards ceremony and reception hosted by UNT, TAMU,
  Midwestern, and

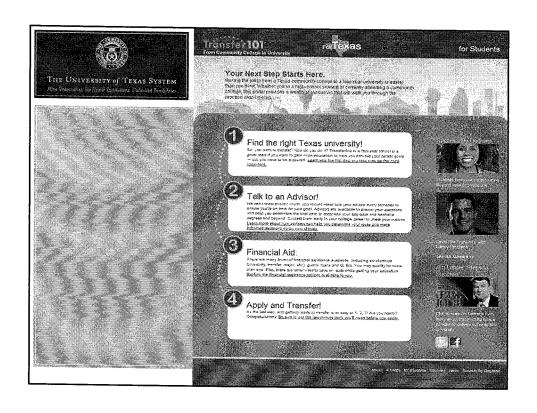
UT universities

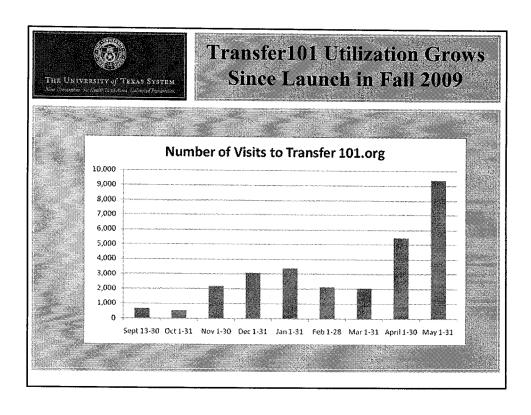














# Feedback Critical for Successful Transfer

- Students tell us to:
  - Eliminate the competitive attitudes between institutions
  - Improve advising
  - Expand university transfer advisors housed on community college campuses
  - Expand joint programs
  - Further communication between corresponding professionals
  - Realize multitudes of articulation agreements are confusing and not enough

